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Subject: NAN - OPD Excessive Force Cases UPDATES



Robert Liese OPD Excessive Force Case UPDATE

er Delio was **found guilty of felony battery**, Wednesday, September 14th for excessive force which caused his spleen to rupture over two years ago in the Orlando Police Department

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urbing that the latest national statistics indicate that the Orlando Police Department (OPD) is the most violent police department in the State of Florida & third (3rd) in the nation for police excessive force cases. These cases are alarming and unacceptable," said Lawanna Gelzer, President of the National Action Network's Florida Chapter.



Civil Rights Lawsuit UPDATE:

awarded Refus Holloway \$15,500 after he was kicked and punched by an Orlando police officer in the Parramore community. Despite the negative narrative about the historic African-American community, the jury ruled that former OPD officer Wilbur

and did cause injury to the victim. A request for all legal fees to be paid by the City of Orlando will also now be filed with the court.



OPD Puts Parramore on Trial

In the latest case of excessive force, the Orlando Police Department decided to put the Parramore community on trial for the actions of their own officers. Police are actually claiming the reason they are so aggressive in the Parramore neighborhood is that it is so dangerous and crime-ridden that officers have that level of fear before they even arrive to the neighborhood that they are afraid of being hurt?

The federal trial of *Refus Holloway, et al. v. William Escobar* are set for tomorrow, Friday, September 9th. The incident occurred in March 2014 where OPD officers responded to a “disturbance call” and eventually arrested Holloway at his front door. Holloway was subsequently arrested and beaten when he asked why his cousin was arrested.

Holloway, who was in handcuffs when officer Escobar struck him twice with a closed fist and kicked him. The officer then threw Holloway to the ground before almost dislocating his shoulder. Holloway was also pepper sprayed.

Officers Escobar and his partner were exposed to be inaccurate depictions of what happened after video of the incident was released by Holloway's sister. The police then released body camera video of the incident.

In the case of excessive force, officers are seeking to justify their actions by saying it was reasonable for them to believe that the arrest occurred in Parramore, which they claim is known for violence.

...e, the officers seems to want to make this trial about Parramore, that because it is known for crime and violence. I think that Mr. Holloway and other observers would be violent towards them, so they were authorized to use violence. Attorney Carlus Leandrus Haynes.

...do not add up to the narrative being pushed by Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, Commissioner Regina Hill. Parramore is owned by the City of Orlando. This area will be the home of the future Major League Soccer stadium. The area is a mix of old and new, but it is so dangerous and crime-ridden even the Orlando police fear when they go there. The downtown campus will be based?

...f Parramore is it? Who is telling the truth? The Orlando Police Department or the politicians like Mayor Dyer? The Parramore community and residents of the City of Orlando end up losing the most unfortunately.

...ers believe they can trample on our rights, just because of where we may live. That we are bad people some people say. Haynes added. "What happened to all men being created equal? Isn't the law and law enforcement supposed to be equal for all status, gender, or other differences?"

...s interpretation of the federal rules of evidence, certain evidence will not be presented to the jury, including evidence related to his actions. The jury will also not learn that there are previous allegations of excessive force levied against Escobar with a broken jaw. Also, Escobar is currently seeking reinstatement as an officer with OPD, something that the union is in arbitration.

...e scene also submitted false reports to back up Escobar at the time and they remain at OPD and were not present. People of how Chief Mina is not serious about changing the culture.

...g that the latest national statistics indicate that the Orlando Police Department is number one in the State for police excessive force cases," said Lawanna Gelzer, President of the National Action Network Central Florida. "The OPD are alarming and unacceptable."

...ill take the case after closing arguments. Stay tuned.

[Mike Cantone](#)

Join Us for Closing Arguments

...ial enters a new phase **Tomorrow, September 9th**; Closing Arguments for the trial of *Refus Holloway* will take place at the Federal Court House located at 401 West Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801. The expected start time is around 10AM in courtroom 4B. Various community groups, including the Fight Back Coalition, National Action Network, Advocacy, Action & Accountability Alliance, Coalition for Puerto Rican Justice, Women of Color

ity Empowerment Partnership, and Believers Outreach Ministries announced they are standing in solidarity

not Orlando's first case of excessive force – there is an [ongoing problem with excessive force and police brutality and excessive force video](#) has now received over 5,800 views online.

WHAT: Closing Arguments for Refus Holloway Federal Trial

WHEN: Friday, September 9 at **10 AM - Courtroom 4B**

WHERE: Federal Court House, 401 W. Central Blvd. (32801)

Please Bring a Photo ID and NO Cell Phone



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RIGHTS COMMUNITY LEADERS TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY FOR HOLLOWAY

The Federal trial of ***Refus Holloway, et al. v. William Escobar*** is currently underway and is expected to start on Thursday, September 8th or early Friday, September 9th. If you can recall, this case stems from a police encounter in March 2015 when Mr. Holloway responded to a “disturbance call” and eventually arrested Mr. Holloway’s cousin a few steps from his front door. Mr. Holloway was then arrested when he was asking why his cousin was arrested. Various community groups, including the Fight Back Orlando Central Florida Chapter, Advocacy, Action & Accountability Alliance, Coalition for Puerto Rican Justice, Community Empowerment Partnership, Believers Outreach Ministries with other Civic and Civil Rights groups are standing in solidarity with Refus Holloway during his trial.

Mr. Holloway was captured by an OPD officer body camera as well as Mr. Holloway’s sister. However, the affidavit by Officer Williams did not include an accurate depiction of what occurred; most importantly that Mr. Holloway was punched twice with a closed fist and kicked him in his buttocks, and drug him viciously for a few feet before snatching his shoulder.

The officers seek to justify their actions by saying it was reasonable for them to "believe Mr. Holloway was a threat to the community, which they claim is known for violence," stated by Velvet Grenne. Even though the officers were interfering with the armed police, they still contend it was “reasonable” for them to think the crowd would harm them.

The trial docket demonstrates that based on the judge’s interpretation of the federal rules of evidence, certain evidence is being withheld from the jury. This includes:

That Officer Escobar was fired due to his actions
His previous allegations of excessive force levied against Mr. Escobar, one resulting in a suspension
Mr. Escobar is currently seeking reinstatement as an officer at OPD

Knowing that the latest national statistics indicate that the Orlando Police Department is number one (1) in the nation for police excessive force cases. These ongoing failures of the OPD are alarming and unacceptable,” said the National Action Network Central Florida Chapter. “The community demands accountability from this Miscarriage of Justice. In the City of Orlando and the Orlando Police Department, it is very clear that the Department of Justice is not looking into these unfortunate actions and activities here in Orlando.”

Community leaders closed by urging the citizens of Orange County and the entire Nation to remember the words of Martin Luther King Jr. 53 years ago, “**There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied with the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality."**

WHAT: Demanding Justice for Refus Holloway

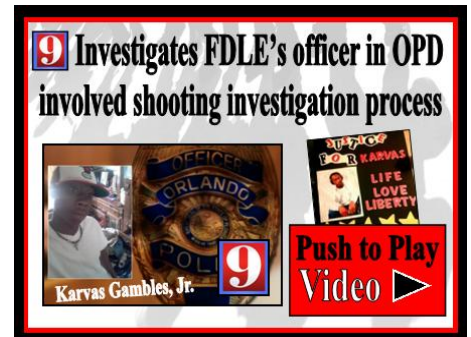
WHEN: Thursday, September 9 at **9 AM - Courtroom 4B**

WHERE: Federal Court House, 401 W. Central Blvd. (32801)

You will need a photo ID to gain entry and you must leave you phones in your vehicles.

Excessive Force Cases Videos Below





OPD Excessive Force and Police Brutality Cases

(See Videos Below)

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NAN calls for Orlando police chief to resign over kicking video



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NAN Central Florida Chapter President Calls for Orlando Police Chief Resignation

Orlando Unfiltered
They're right: "You don't know the half of it."



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Group protests Orlando officers involved in excessive force investigation




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Orlando Unfiltered
They're right: "You don't know the half of it."

Black Tourist Beaten by OPD Officers Defends Himself to Mayor & Commissioners



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Noel Carter

OPD officers taken off patrol during 'use of force' investigation




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Orlando Unfiltered
They're right: "You don't know the half of it."

Attorney Natalie Jackson Responds to Orlando City Council After Excessive Force by Police Officers



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Attorney Natalie Jackson



Man kicked, punched by OPD officer speaks at rally addressing police brutality



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Refus Holloway beaten by former Orlando police officer wants more action taken against department



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OPD to pay \$100,000 to settle excessive force lawsuit



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OPD using pepper spray at beauty store giveaway



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Police Use Pepper Spray At Beauty Store Giveaway
Pine Hills, Orange County

OPD Excessive Force Complaints and Settlements



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Breaking News

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Karvas Gambles, Jr., Family sues OPD over alleged use of Excessive Force



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9 Investigates FDLE's officer in OPD involved shooting investigation process



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9 Investigates inconsistencies in OPD excessive-force investigation of handcuffed suspect Robert Liese



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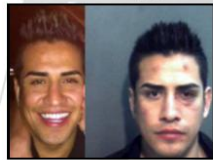
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New documents detail OPD excessive force case supporting Luis Cabeza



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OPD sued again for excessive force



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9 Investigates use of K-9s on suspects after boy is bitten



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OPD officer fired after Internal investigation in parking garage shooting



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OPD come in riot gear to break up Street Party



Video

NEW DETAILS
Neighbors Want Apology After Police in Riot Gear Break Up Street Party

"I Can't Breathe"
Poem by Broadway Stars



Video

Building on Orlando City Council After Public Comments I Excessive Force



left: Noel Carter, with his attorney Natalie Jackson; right: Orlando Police Chief John Mina

ng on Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer and City Commissioners to comment and respond to the latest excessive force a
tment. Noel Carter joined his attorney Natalie Jackson as well as several community organizations and concerned
to comments from Police Chief John Mina and to respond to the use of excessive force against him while visiting
s Noel Carter was kicked, beaten and tased by two Orlando police officers who were moonlighting for the
ess conference outside of City Hall on Monday, many who were rallying attended the City Council meeting to testi
ers during general public comments.

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NAN Passed Events

**Police Department Excessive Force Cases Spotlited on Natio
National Journal"**



will have to navigate the complicated national dialogue on police brutality and criminal justice, a conversation Democrats first tapped the tough-on-crime Demings as a candidate for higher office.

on police misconduct highlights less agreeable aspects of Demings's time helming the Orlando Police Department

problem for a while, through her administration and others. The problem is the leadership of the President of the National Action Network's Central Florida chapter. “

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